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REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

Claims 1-14 are rejected. Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to improve

clarity. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-14 remain pending in the present

application, and reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

Discussion of Claim Rejections

1. The Advisory Action states that "substantially middle position is not necessarily the

same as the center. ...any portion of something that is not found at the edge (Emphasis added)".

However, the previous Final Office Action in item 19 states that "Center is an arbitrary term that

the examiner interprets to mean not the end (Emphasis added)".

Applicants have amended claim 1 again to well define the features. If Examiner still

considers that the amendments are still not clear, Applicants appreciate a suggestion from

Examiner for further amendments.

2. As states in previous response, it should be noted that the Yamazaki does not equally

disclose the arrangement on high-voltage power lines. Even further in Fig. 5 of Yamazaki, the

low power Vb1-Vb3 is supplied from the end portion or the edge.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1

and 7 patently define over the prior art, and should be allowed. For at least the same reasons,

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dependent claims 2-6 and 8-14 patently define over the prior art as well.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all the pending claims 1-14 of the invention patently define over the prior art and are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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